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To Study the United States Military Assistance Program
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I enclose a copy of a letter, sent today to General Twining, which is self-explanatory. If you would give me a comment on the question posed, I would much appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Draper, Jr.
Chairman

Enclosure

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear General Twining:

Our Committee has been examining the various aspects of assistance to India and Pakistan. One of the proposals being considered is a coordinated group of political and economic measures which, from the standpoint of Indian-Pakistani relationships, might assist in bringing about a mutual reduction of armed forces. The resources released could then be used for other purposes such as economic development.

In previous discussions we understood that the Joint Chiefs of Staff would view with favor such a proportionate reduction in the Indian and Pakistani forces. The Committee, however, before deciding upon its recommendation, wished me to inquire of you whether or not the recent occurrences in Tibet have in any way changed this point of view.

I would appreciate your comment as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Draper, Jr.
Chairman

General M. F. Twining,
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

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Remarks:

Would you please have a reply prepared to the attached letter from General Draper for the Director's signature. In view of the recent plane incident, I do not hold out much hope for "a mutual reduction of armed forces" between India and Pakistan!

JSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chet Cooper
Chet Bob A. suggested
that [redacted] or
somebody do a quickie letter on
this pronto. Amos and [redacted]
at Bunday both felt little reduction
in number of bodies was likely but
that perhaps India and China would
spend a little less on expensive
hardware

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